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SUBJECT: CSCE - SITES AND TIME FOR CONFERENCE PHASES

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FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

2. PHASE I. FOREIGN MINISTERS IN HELSINKI, FOR APPROX-
IMATELY TEN DAYS, BEGINNING IN LAST WEEK OF JUNE.

3. PHASE II. ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES BY KEY ADVISORS
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4. PHASE III. FOREIGN MINISTERS, OR HIGHER LEVEL, IN GENEVA, NEXT SPRING. WE THINK THAT MAJORITY OF DELS, WHEN ACCEPTING HELSINKI PHASE II, WILL WANT TO SETTLE PHASE III ELSEWHERE. LOGIC OF DECIDING ON VENUE FOR PHASES II AND III IN CONCERT (POINTED TO IN STATE 43509) ARGUES FOR BEGINNING SOON TO ENCOURAGE CONSENSUS ON BOTH.

5. GENEVA IS POPULAR CHOICE BECAUSE OF NEUTRALITY, CENTRAL LOCATION, CONVENIENT FACILITIES AND PARTICULARLY BECAUSE MOST ASSUME PHASE III IS LIKELY TO LEAD TO SOME TYPE OF FOLLOW- ON ACITIVITY, PROBABLY EPISODIC AND MINIMAL. THEY WANT THIS EITHER BASED IN A CENTRAL NEUTRAL SITE LIKE GENEVA OR ROTATED AMONG CAPITALS. (ONLY OTHER CENTRAL SITE CURRENTLY MENTIONED HERE WITH ANY FREQUENCY, VIENNA, IS OBVIOUSLY OUT FOR MBFR REASONS.)

6. SOVIET AMBASSADOR MENDELEVICH IN CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS WITH VEST, THE SWISS, AND SEVERAL OTHERS, REPEATS THAT HIS " OLD" INSTRUCTIONS ADVOCATED ALL THREE PHASES OF CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI; HOWEVER HE ASSUMES HE WILL BE " OPEN- MINDED" AND RESPONSIVE TO ANY CLEAR CONSENSUS.

7. UP TO PRESENT, WE HAVE ADVOCATED HELSINKI FOR PHASE II AND EXPRESSED NEITHER SUPPORT NOR OPPOSITION TO GENEVA FOR PHASE III. SINCE SUBJECT WILL NATURALLY ASSUME PROMINENCE AS MONTH GOES ON, RECOMMEND FOR REASONS IN PARA 4 AND 5 THAT WE FAVOR GENEVA FOR PHASE III WHEN SUBJECT IS RAISED HERE OR ELSEWHERE.
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